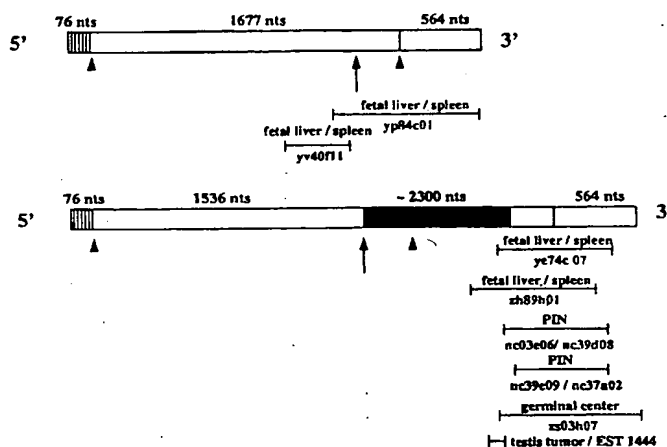




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(57) Abstract

A novel gene, PB39, that is up-regulated, or over-expressed, in prostate cancer has been identified. The gene has been identified by means of its cDNA obtained by reverse transcription of the corresponding mRNA. Microdissection of prostate glands that had been surgically removed from prostate cancer patients revealed a novel up-regulated transcript in an aggressive prostate carcinoma. Differential analysis for the presence of this gene was carried out from the same glands by comparing transcription in microdissected normal prostatic epithelium versus that in microdissected invasive tumor. The transcript was over-expressed in 5 of 10 prostate carcinomas examined. A variant transcript was over-expressed in 4 of 4 prostate carcinomas, and was found in 1 of 4 normal samples. The invention provides a purified and isolated nucleic acid that includes the sequence of PB39 or its complement, the sequence of a variant of PB39 or its complement, and a primer or probe, that includes a sequence that is a fragment of these sequences. Additionally, the polypeptide encoded by these genes, an antibody to the polypeptide, and methods of detection of PB39 or its gene product are provided.